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Testimony of Sharon Moriawaki
Co-Chair, Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

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City Hall, City Council Chamber

To: Council Chair Ernest Martin, Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson and Members

IN SUPPORT OF Bill 53 (2013), CD1 – Relating to Open Data

I am Sharon Moriawaki, Co-chair of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Forum), a voluntary organization of 45 member organizations committed to clean, sustainable energy for Hawaii and representing Hawaii's electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan," to meet our preferred energy vision and goals.

The Forum supports Bill 53 (2013), CD1, Relating to Open Data, that proposes to make accessible and transparent city data in electronic format, building upon on data sets already available and accessible to the public (e.g. Data.gov, Data.Hawaii.Gov, and Data.Honolulu.Gov).

We commend the Council in making City data available and accessible for measuring progress on a number of fronts critical to our future both for Honolulu and the State. In particular, the Forum is pleased that there will be greater possibilities in measuring our progress in advancing clean energy. The Forum has been working for the past two years on developing a data collecting and reporting system that will provide meaningful and valid measures to chart our progress toward achieving clean energy. Bill 53 (2013), CD1 will further enhance the work we do and can help other projects, organizations and the public in similar fashion on a number of fronts. Based on the foregoing, the Forum strongly supports Bill 53 (2013), CD1, and respectfully urges passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

This testimony reflects the position of the Forum as a whole and not necessarily of the individual Forum members or their companies or organizations.